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Report Highlights: Domestic production of beans continues to decline and the Czech Republic is increasingly dependent on imported beans. Price is still a decisive factor and most bean imports come from low cost suppliers such as Ethiopia and China. There will be no change in the import tariff for beans when the Czech Republic joins the European Union in May 2004.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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MARKET OVERVIEW

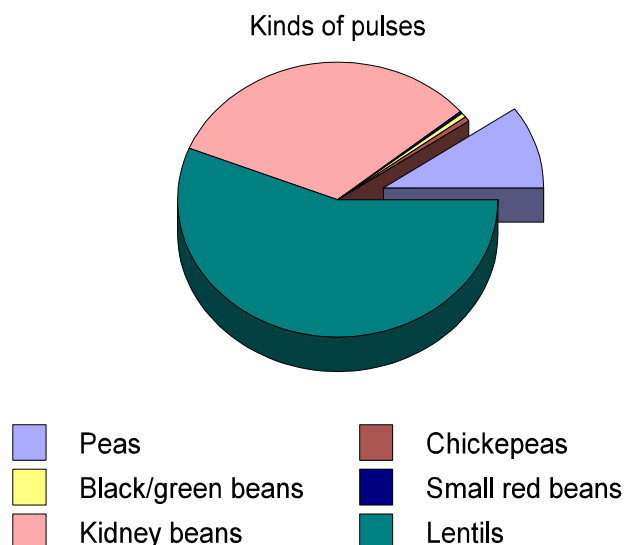
- the Czech Republic grows pulses mainly for feeds, many of which have been replaced by imported soybeans and other protein sources
- beans and pulses for human consumption are imported and price plays a critical role
- harvested areas and production of beans and pulses has decreased from a peak in 1993/94, when it reached maximum area of 83,000 hectares and production of 202,000 MT. In 2001/02 harvested area was 33,300 hectares and production 84,500 MT
- total consumption of beans and pulses has decreased from 143,000 MT to 105,000MT in the past three years
- human consumption has been stable around 20,000 MT
- beans are imported mainly from China, Ethiopia and other third world countries, since price plays a key role and retail chains are interested only in the low price range products

Advantages and disadvantages facing U.S. suppliers:

Advantages	Disadvantages
consumers are beginning to demand higher quality products	price - key factor
trend toward healthier cooking and higher demand for pulses	strong position of retail chains that push prices down

TRADE

Import of various kinds of pulses in 2002 in MT



Foreign suppliers of beans and pulses to the Czech Republic (by type)

HTS No.	Product Description	Imported From	Volume (MT)	1,000 USD
071310	Peas, dried	Slovakia	176	58
		Germany	158	53
		Hungary	155	99
		Ukraine	140	24
		U.S.	6	6
071320	Chickpeas, dried	Canada	22	11
		Iran	20	11
		Turkey	13	10
		U.S.	2	2
071331	Beans, black, green	Thailand	37	25
		Australia	17	14
		Myanmar	6	6
071332	Bean, small red (Adzuki)	Myanmar	23	10
		China	12	9
071333	Kidney beans	China	1,020	432
		Myanmar	850	316
		Ethiopia	790	298
		U.S.	417	278
071339	Beans, dried, other	Ethiopia	21	8
		China	15	9
		Canada	11	6
		U.S.	4	4

Import regulations and taxes

- VAT on pulses is 5%
- import duty for peas is 1% (for WTO members),
for lentils 2% (for WTO members),
free for other kinds of pulses

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